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FOR POL COUNSELOR MURPHY FROM H.B. SCHAFER

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PK, SA  
SUBJECT: SAUDI VIEWS OF PAKISTAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. AS YOU'RE PROBABLY AWARE, THE OPPOSITION PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE (PNA) ELECTION CAMPAIGN AGAINST PM BHUTTO, AND, TO A LESSER SAGREE, ITS POST-ELECTION "MOVEMENT" TO FORCE HIS RESIGNATION IN THE LIGHT OF WIDESPREAD EVIDENCE OF VOTING IRREGULARITIES, HAVE HAD A STRONG ISLAMIC COLORATION. THREE OF THE NINE CONSTITUENT PARTIES OF THE ALLIANCE ARE RELIGIOUS ORIENTED, AND SEVERAL OF THEIR LEADERS ARE FREQUENT PILGRIMS TO SAUDI ARABIA AND HAVE LONG-STANDING TIES WITH SAUDI FIGURES.

2. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING FOR US IN THIS CONTEXT TO LEARN WHAT ATTITUDE, IF ANY, THE SAUDI LEADERS AND OTHERS ARE EXPRESSING PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY ABOUT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN. YOU SHOULD KNOW IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST SOME HERE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE SAG HAD HELPED BANKROLL THE ALLIANCE'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN (THOUGH THE USG IS THE MORE POPULAR TARGET FOR SUCH ALLEGATIONS). WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOP, TROUBLED BY EVIDENCE THAT PNA SYMPATHIZERS WERE SENDING CALBES TO SAUDI ARABIA CALLING FOR SAUDI INTERVENTION, HAS TAKEN MEASURES TO  
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PREVENT THE TELEGRAPHING OF FURTHER SOS'S TO RIYADH.

3. WE APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN PICK UP ON ALL OF THIS. WE WXPECT THAT THE GOP MUST BE AT LEAST SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT SAUDI ATTITUDES, GIVEN THE HEAVY RELIANCE THE PAKS PLACE ON THE SAG FOR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND MORAL SUPPORT; THE IMPORTANCE THAT THESE ATTITUDES HAVE IN PAKISTAN; AND WHAT WOULD SEEM TO BE

THE ATTRACTIVENESS TO THE SAUDIS OF THE "ISLAMIC" PROGRAM THE  
PNA HAS FORMULATED. MANY THANKS.  
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